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FOR VERNER AND CURRAN FROM AUSTRIAN

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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE REQUEST BY UNIVERSAL STUDIOS

1. FRED SIMPSON, UNIT PRODUCTION MANAGER FOR UNIVERSAL, WILL VISIT KABUL IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF FILMING PART OF "LIVES OF THE BENGAL LANCERS" IN AFGHANISTAN. SIMPSON AND FIVE OTHER UNIVERSAL OFFICIALS ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN RAWALPINDI ON MARCH 17. THEY PLAN TO TRAVEL TO KABUL VIA ROAD AND WILL CONTACT YOU ON ARRIVAL.
2. SIMPSON AND PARTY WERE ISSUED VISAS BY AFGHAN EMBASSY HERE AND HAD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ON WHOM THEY SHOULD SEE IN KABUL. THEY WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVICE ON THIS SUBJECT.
3. TWO SITES MENTIONED FOR POSSIBLE FILMING WERE KABUL GORGE AND APPROACHES TO KHYBER PASS. SIMPSON WAS WARNED THAT GOA MIGHT REGARD LATTER AS SENSITIVE AREA. KISSINGER

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